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RULING: Wainfleet Wind Energy to complete project within six weeks

Skydive Burnaby turbines appeal dismissed

GREG FURMINGER
Port News Staff

Skydive Burnaby's appeal of Wainfleet Wind Energy Inc.'s plans to erect two wind turbines on Station Rd. has been dismissed by Ontario's environmental review tribunal.

Mike and Tara Pitt filed their appeal in October 2013 over concerns their business established in 1948 and its skydiving clients would be at risk by the towers to be built 1.5 kilometres west of Skydive Burnaby on land owned by the Loeffen family, a partner in the wind energy company with Rankin Construction.

Last Wednesday, tribunal vice-chair Dirk VanderBent handed down his decision.

He said the appellants did

not provide sufficient evidence to suggest its skydivers will be seriously harmed by collision with the two wind turbines or interaction with their turbulence wakes.

Tara Pitt said Thursday morning that Skydive Burnaby had no comment to make at this time.

Tom Rankin said he and his stakeholders are "very happy" with the tribunal decision.

"I think it's a pretty comprehensive document," he said of the 87-page decision titled "now clears the way for Wainfleet Wind Energy to complete its five-turbine project for which three towers have been erected off Concession 1."

Those three will be brought online when the other two are finished, likely within six weeks,

he said.

Rankin said he stands behind his wind-energy project as a necessity to counter climate change.

"We've won three lawsuits now and two hearings," he said.

"I'm proud of what I'm doing and I won't back off."

"I think it's the right thing to do."

Wainfleet Wind Energy's five turbines working in tandem are estimated to generate 26 million kWh of power annually, enough electricity to for 2,500 homes and representing a greenhouse gas reduction of about 14,000 tonnes a year. Each Vestas V110-1.8MW turbine owned by Wainfleet Wind Energy stands 95 metres tall, with a blade diameter slightly

larger at 100 metres.

Among controversy surrounding the Wainfleet project was township council's decision last December to apply \$40,000 in taxpayer money toward Skydive Burnaby's legal bills for its appeal.

That decision was ultimately rescinded in January following public backlash and on the advice of the municipality's legal counsel.

The tribunal decision handed down last Wednesday followed three weeks of hearings over January and February and subsequent conference calls with involved parties in March and April.

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UPFRONT

■ **HEALTH CARE:** Gordon Reid walks out of operating room after angioplasty

Fixing a broken heart

GRANT LAFLECHE
QMI Agency Niagara

All told, Gordon Reid had an amazing experience.

The procedure that restored proper blood flow around his heart was textbook. The angioplasty performed by Dr. Jaffer Syed Thursday morning cleared the blockage in an artery and left a stent in there to keep that artery open.

Reid, who was awake and at times smiling throughout the procedure, walked out of the operating room and was scheduled to return home last Thursday afternoon.

Still, Reid said, he isn't anxious for a return hospital visit.

"I feel great," he said, walking out of the operating room to the recovery area with Syed at his side.

"It was amazing, but I'd rather not do it again."

For the past month, Reid has lived with a time bomb in his chest.

Routine medical tests showed he had high cholesterol. Further examination found the 70-year-old Beamsville man had two blocked arteries in his chest. The blockages were so serious, doctors ordered Reid to take things easy because a heart attack could strike at any time.

Two weeks ago, Syed, an interventional cardiologist, put a stent into one artery, restoring blood flow.

On Thursday, he performed the procedure on Reid for a second time to address the other blockage.

Reid arrived at the St. Catharines hospital with his wife, Pamela, before 7 a.m. Within the hour, Reid was in a hospital gown and being



JULIE JOCSAK/STAFF PHOTO

Dr. Jaffer Syed, left, interventional cardiologist, and Julie Hawkhisstone, scrub nurse, work on Gordon Reid during a procedure at the St. Catharines Hospital on Thursday. A stent was placed in a clogged artery of Reid's heart.

prepped for the operation.

The procedure, done in Niagara Health System's heart investigation lab, took about an hour to complete. St. Catharines Standard journalists were on hand to watch the

entire operation from start to finish.

Working with a team of nurses and technicians, Syed inserted a wire into Reid's arm that travelled through his arteries. Dye that was injected into

the arteries showed up on a real time X-ray display, revealing how Reid's blood was flowing and where the blockage was.

On the display, the blockage appeared as a pinched-off area in the artery, preventing the

blood from moving through.

A special balloon was then attached to the wire and inflated inside the artery, effectively crushing the blockage. A stent — basically a chicken wire-like frame — was

installed in the artery, keeping it open.

Syed then wanted to check on how the first stent he put in was doing.

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UPFRONT

HEART



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The monitor showing Gordon Reid's heart can be seen between (left) Dr. Jaffer Syed, interventional cardiologist, and Julie Hawkisstone, scrub nurse, during a procedure where they placed a stent in Gordon Reid's artery at the St. Catharines Hospital on Thursday, May 15, 2014.



JULIE JOCSAK/STAFF PHOTO

Gordon Reid is wheeled into the OR for a procedure which Dr. Jaffer Syed, interventional cardiologist, places a stent in Gordon Reid's artery at the St. Catharines Hospital on Thursday, May 15, 2014.



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Cindy-Lee Cosby, circulating nurse, chats with Gordon Reid while Julie Hawkisstone, scrub nurse, prepares him for a procedure where he will have a stent placed in a plugged artery at the St. Catharines Hospital on Thursday, May 15, 2014.



JULIE JOCSAK/STAFF PHOTO

Dr. Jaffer Syed, interventional cardiologist, places a stent in Gordon Reid's artery during a procedure at the St. Catharines Hospital on Thursday, May 15, 2014.



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Dr. Jaffer Syed, interventional cardiologist, holds up a FFR catheter which will measure the blood pressure on each end of the stent during a procedure at the St. Catharines Hospital on Thursday, May 15, 2014. Information from the catheter is sent wirelessly to a computer in the control room.

Live recap viewable online

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While he found it was doing its job, the doctor noticed possible blockage in another artery. However, once he examined the artery he found it was not a problem that needed medical intervention.

Syed said he was very happy with the results of the procedure.

He had been concerned the blockage was so complete, he

might not be able to thread the wire through it. So chose a wire with a coating that allowed him to work it through the blockage fairly easily and get the balloon in.

Once that was done, it was just a matter of getting the stent in place.

While Reid watched the procedure on the monitor used by Syed and the medical team, his wife waited in the recovery

area.

"It was a hard hour," Pamela Reid said. "But I am glad he is getting the care he needs."

Reid said he wasn't nervous going into the heart lab, having been through the procedure once already.

"These people are professionals," he said. "They take really good care of you, they explain everything. Honestly, the procedure itself is calm-

ing."

The *Tribune* covered Reid's procedure, live blogging from the operating room. Thousands of online viewers watched what was the first operation to ever be covered live from the NHS.

You can still watch the procedure as it happened online at www.wellandtribune.ca/2014/05/15/live-man-undergoes-cardiac-operation.

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Campaign a carnival of burning stupid

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The American military has a phrase to describe the early stages of its campaigns, when it uses overwhelming firepower and technology to wipe out an opponent's defenses. "Blitz and awe," they call it.

That could also describe the first week of the provincial election campaign, of the Tories and Liberals in particular.

Although upon reflection, the words "blitzing" and "ridiculous" might be better. With the Liberals deciding to fight the prime minister instead of trying to appeal to the Ontario voter, and the Tories dancing from one gaffe to another with an economic policy stolen from the Hogwarts Museum of Failed Spells, I had thought the parties must have gotten the burning stupid out of their system.

Surely, though I, things would get better. I have been wrong.

In some respects, the campaign has developed from the ridiculous into a mismanaged carnival

of madness. It is almost as if the Progressive Conservatives and Liberals looked at the first stage of the campaign, saw how badly it went and said to themselves: "I bet we can make it worse!"

Let's start with the incumbent Liberals. It is an unpopular party that, let's face it, survives largely on the relative weakness of the powerful highway opposition. Yes, Kathleen Wynne is not Dalton McGuinty, but she still has to carry his legacy. Her primary job as I see it is to convince the voter that a) she has a good plan for Ontario and b) to avoid making people hate the Liberals more than they already do.

It's the second point that is relevant here. Niagara West-Glanbrook Liberal candidate David Mosey thought it would be a good idea to post on Facebook a photo of two scantily clad female hickies, purporting to show the difference between a woman who does squats and one who doesn't.

"I agreed to do that?" Mosey wrote on the 2013 post that made headlines this week.

I realize that for many men, it would take a degree in philosophy to understand why that

photo was offensive. But it was.

And posting it was beyond foolish for a person planning to get elected, running against PC Leader Tim Hudak no less, and with a party led by a woman.

It was not the only scandal gaffe the Liberals had to contend with. Nepean-Carleton candidate Jack Uppal had to apologize for opining on Facebook that women's brains are less adept at problem solving than men's.

Liberals, start vetting your candidates more closely. And for Odell's sake, keep them off social media!

Then there is the Tories' attempt to convince us Hudak's alchemical jobs plan is anything other than wishful thinking. To create credibility for the plan, they commissioned right-wing American economist Ben Zycher, who gave the plan a gold star.

This would normally be unremarkable, save for a couple of things. He appears to think human activity has no impact on climate change,

which is like saying gravity has no impact on a person who falls off a roof.

More critically, however, are the ugly disper-

sions Zycher cast as U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama in a 2009 opinion piece. He described her as a "product of lifelong affirmative action coddling" who got an easy ride in university because she is black.

"Can there be any doubt the Princeton administrators accepted [Obama's thesis] because of her skin colour?" he wrote.

Of all the economists the Tories could have hired to look at their jobs plan, this was the guy they chose?

What was Donald Sterling not available? The Liberals, positively averse to steer the attention away from their own gaffes, jumped on this right away, sending a flurry of press releases to the news media.

What does this all add up to?

It demonstrates the epic lack of judgment and forethought by both parties.

It's sloppy. It's stupid and I think I speak for many voters when I say to both parties: Get your bloody houses in order, or go away.

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Ontario needs a comprehensive manufacturing strategy

N Niagara was built by the manufacturing sector. Since the late 1800s, communities across Niagara were established — and enjoyed great prosperity — with a robust manufacturing industry.

With accessible and affordable electricity and a transportation grid that included rail, roads and water, Niagara was key to Ontario's economic prosperity for close to a century.

But much like Ontario's manufacturing sector, Niagara's industrial footprint has grown significantly smaller over the past two decades.

We need to reverse Ontario's manufacturing slide, and we need the Ontario government to play an important role in turning the tide.

Manufacturing is vital in driving innovation, research and technology, as well as generating wealth. In both wages and tax revenue (business and property), manufacturing has a tremendous impact on our communities, generating seven indirect jobs for every one direct job in manufacturing.

In the current climate, Niagara is losing the manufacturing battle that is playing out across

North America.

According to Statistics Canada, Ontario has shed more than 255,000 industrial jobs in the past 10 years. With the highest energy costs in North America, an increasingly burdensome regulatory marketplace and a hyper-competitive environment in the USA focused on re-shoring its manufacturing base, Ontario has lost its footing as a dominant manufacturing hub in the global economy.

In Niagara, energy costs are crippling the competitiveness of local manufacturing firms. Combined with American-based incentive programs to attract Canadian companies through low energy rates, zero property taxes and labour subsidy programs, it's clear why Niagara continues to shed manufacturing jobs.

Ontario needs a comprehensive manufacturing strategy. It's not enough to offer tax cuts across the board for business, or small off-peak electricity reductions for heavy industrial users. A targeted, multi-faceted strategy is required — one that supports local manufacturing companies and attracts new industry to our communities.

According to The Economist, the most common reason for re-shoring of manufacturing jobs to America is the higher Chinese labour costs. The move toward zero-net offshoring is upon us, and the U.S. is outpacing Canada when it comes to creating the conditions to attract manufacturing. Ontario is not competing with China, it's competing with the U.S., and it's losing the manufacturing game.

In the Niagara context, we have companies involved along a complete spectrum of advanced manufacturing categories including aerospace, automotive, military, electronics, marine, and food and beverage. These companies are competing on a global stage either as part of multi-national supply chains or as single firms within an international market place. In a recent study, it was noted that Niagara has more than 900 manufacturing firms. The majority of these are small and medium-sized companies.

And if Ontario had a comprehensive manufacturing strategy, it would provide an economic boost to Niagara's manufacturing sector.

The next government of Ontario must be as

committed to manufacturing as our American neighbours.

If the Ontario government is committed to the future of manufacturing in our communities, a strategy must be developed that includes competitive energy rates, streamlined regulatory processes, targeted export-ready programs, continued investments into skilled trades, and gives communities like Niagara flexibility when it comes to tax incentive programs.

Niagara can regain its once held dominance in manufacturing. It has an expansive transportation network, it's the gateway to the United States, it has a skilled workforce, it has research and innovation facilities at Niagara College and Brock University, and it has the energy grid that can accommodate increased industrial capacity. Much like New York State, we need the Ontario government to play a pivotal role in ensuring that communities like Niagara have all the competitive tools that our American neighbours have been given to retain and expand our manufacturing base.

Walter Szendzi, CEO
Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce

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LOCAL NEWS

■ LEST WE FORGET

Sod turned for Wainfleet cenotaph

InPort News Staff

Ground has been broken for Wainfleet's first cenotaph.

Ceremonies took place Saturday, May 10, and drew a crowd that included Dorothy Jackson, who first brought forward the idea for a cenotaph on behalf of the local Women's Institute.

Mayview Charities that day also contributed \$5,000 to the Wainfleet cenotaph project.



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Sod is turned for construction of Wainfleet's cenotaph by Mayor April Jeffs and Dorothy Jackson, who first brought forward the idea on behalf of the local Women's Institute.

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POLITICS: PC leader says public-sector cuts right way to go

'Not an easy thing to do'

RAY SPITERI
QMI Agency Niagara

It's unclear how many public-sector jobs would be lost in Niagara if a Tim Hudak-led provincial government made good on a promise to chop 100,000 civil servant positions across Ontario.

"We'll be smart, we'll be thoughtful," the Progressive Conservative leader has when asked what his pledge would mean for government workers in his home region.

"This basically takes us down to 2009 levels of employment in government — it's expanded that much."

Hudak bound Stanpac, a manufacturing company in Smithville, last Monday as part of the provincial election campaign.

He said a PC government would bring energy bills under control, which would allow employers to create 40,000 new private-sector jobs.

It's part of Hudak's eight-year million-jobs plan, which

he said can be accomplished if government can help create a climate for businesses to succeed, and if the size and cost of government is reduced.

Hudak said currently, companies are shipping jobs and opportunities to other provinces and U.S. states with significantly lower hydro rates.

Murray Bain, vice-president of marketing at Stanpac, said the company owns two plants — one in Smithville and one in Texas.

"Hydro rates at our plant in Texas are 60% lower than they are here," said. "Corporate welfare provided only a short-term solution. In order for Stanpac to grow and remain competitive in Ontario, we need a government with a plan to bring predictable and affordable energy back to Ontario.

We believe Tim Hudak is the only leader with that plan."

The Liberal government said for the third time in a week, Hudak visited a business that

is flourishing after the Grits partnered with them.

The government said it worked with Stanpac in 2008 by providing a \$2.8-million loan, which helped the company expand its operations, invest in new machinery and create 60 new jobs.

The government said Stanpac's Smithville site is still hiring.

During his news conference at Stanpac, Hudak told media he was confident the jobs lost in the public sector would be made up by the private sector if hydro is more affordable, if taxes are lowered and if government can reduce its debt.

He said shrinking the public payroll by 10% would save \$2 billion and help balance the budget by 2016.

Frontline service providers such as nurses, doctors and police would not be touched, he said. While he would keep full-day kindergarten, Hudak said he would change the staffing

model and increase some class sizes. The move would mean fewer teachers would be required in the future.

This is not an easy thing to do and this impacts on my family, too," Hudak told QMI Agency Niagara.

"But when I talk to job creators in Niagara Falls or Smithville or Toronto, they tell me the most important thing to give them confidence to hire more people is to get the books balanced and spend within your means."

"Governments that are deep in debt, they actually chase away jobs, that's why we've lost 300,000 good manufacturing jobs, a lot of (them) in Niagara."

The PCs would use a number of government programs and agencies, such as Local Health Integration Networks.

LHINs are provincial agencies, including in Niagara, responsible for health-care funding and planning in different regions across Ontario.

"If I have to close down the LHINs so I could build the south Niagara hospital, I'd do that in a second," said Hudak.

Larry Savage, director for Brock University's Centre for Labour Studies, said he doesn't believe Hudak's jobs plan "adds up."

"It would be incredibly difficult, if not impossible, to see 11 million jobs created to fulfil that campaign commitment," said Savage.

He said cutting that many public jobs would actually put more of a strain on taxpayers because more people would rely on the public purse for employment insurance and potentially social assistance.

Savage said it would hurt the "purchasing power" of people that would be unemployed, leading to a "net negative impact on the private sector."

"Think of some of the bigger employers in the Niagara region — Niagara Health System, Brock University, Niagara College — these are all potential targets for the 100,000 in jobs that are lost."

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IN BRIEF



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It's hoped the bitter cold we've experienced this winter will set mosquitoes back come the warmer weather later in the coming months.

Warning about West Nile virus

Niagara Region is reminding residents to exercise caution as we enter West Nile virus season.

- The region offers the following advice to avoid being stung by mosquitoes, which are known transmitters of the virus to humans:
- Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, socks and shoes when outdoors;
 - Whenever you use mosquito repellent, apply a product containing DEET, and carefully read and follow the manufacturer's directions;
 - Drain any areas of standing or stagnant water;
 - Make sure all windows and doors in your

home have screens.

The region will again be applying larvicides (methoprene and BT) to areas on public property where mosquitoes breed, from mid-May and monthly throughout the summer. The region will set up 21 traps throughout Niagara to capture and test mosquitoes.

For more information, visit www.niagararegion.ca.

Port Colborne's seniors eager to take a dip

During last Monday night's city council meeting, Ward 2 Councillor Vern Doucet said he's heard many requests from the community's seniors for a set hour of swim time at the Vale Health and Wellness Centre's YMCA. While the facility does offer day passes for the pool, the public would like to see a pay-per-use hour set aside for users, he said.

Peter Senese, Port Colborne's community and corporate services director, said city staff are meeting with YMCA representatives in the near future and that suggestion can be added to the discussion list.

An annual report reviewing the municipality's agreement with the YMCA is set to come to council in June.

Diamond discussions

Angie Desmarais wants Port Colborne to step up to the plate.

The Ward 2 councillor was recently contacted by staff at DeWitt Carter School about the aging baseball diamond on the elementary school's property.

The school, she said, was looking to form a partnership to get the diamond back into playing condition and in exchange was willing to open it to community groups.

Council approved a motion to have staff begin negotiations with District School Board of Niagara regarding a potential partnership.

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■ NIAGARA REGION TRANSIT

Committee votes to extend bus funding

ROB HOULE
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Looks like Niagara Region's experiment with inter-municipal transit system will continue for another year.

Public works committee members voted last week to recommend regional council accept a staff recommendation that funding for the service be extended for a year beyond the end of the pilot project Sept. 5.

The region initiated the inter-municipal transit pilot project in 2011. At the onset of the pilot program, the region gave grants totalling \$3.7 million to the Welland, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls transit systems for the purchase of eight buses to be used to connect those municipalities, as well as Port Colborne, Fort Erie and Thorold. The region has provided additional funding to the transit systems on a yearly basis since the pilot program began. Both council agree with the committee, that funding will be extended — \$925,363 for September to Dec. 31 of this year, and \$1,851,333 from January to Sept. 5, 2015.

Staff stressed the continuance in funding would be an interim measure in the transition from pilot program to permanent inter-municipal transit system.

The only councillors on the committee who voted against the recommendation were Selina Volpatti of Niagara Falls and Andy Petrovski of St. Catharines. Both said they were supporters of an inter-municipal transit system, but did not believe the Region should run it.

Petrovski and Volpatti do not want to see the region get in the bus business. They favour Niagara's three transit systems running the system, with funding from the region, or contracting out the service to a private operator.

"I support transit, but I don't support this version and that's why I won't support continuing with what I consider not the best program," Petrovski said. "We have to push this back to the municipalities, they're the experts in this, let them run this."

Volpatti said: "I certainly support a transit system throughout the region ...

what I don't support is a failed attempt by the region to provide it."

Regional Chair Gary Burroughs stressed an extension of the funding was not a vote to have the region run an inter-municipal system in the future.

"Transit to all our communities is going to look different," Burroughs said. "I don't think we (the region) should be doing it. I think we're going to move away from that, and maybe it's the three (municipal transit systems) that we currently have. Maybe it isn't, maybe it's straight private sector."

Burroughs said a decision on which way to go will be decided by council, but continuing the service another year will allow for that discussion.

Lincoln Mayor Bill Hodgson said the region needs to stick with the service for at least another year while it is fleshed out further, but cautioned "we need to move away from funding this type of service on the levy as a grant" because some communities would be paying for a service they don't receive. He said a fair and equitable system would see communities pay for the level of service they receive.

"In any case, this isn't the time to abandon this service that is growing," Hodgson said.

Welland Mayor Barry Sharpe, a supporter of a regional inter-municipal transit system, said every Niagara taxpayer will be subsidizing it.

"There isn't some kind of deal that takes somebody who lives out that way, or somebody who lives out that way, off the hook," Sharpe said.

West Lincoln Mayor Doug Joyner said "we need to grow and we need to grow up in the Niagara region."

"We need to understand inter-municipal transit is big part of this region," Joyner said. "And we will grow as a region if we institute inter-municipal transit."

Joyner said West Lincoln residents have come to realize "they are going to pay for this as part of their regional taxes, and they welcome it."

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■ PUBLIC SAFETY: Pay attention behind the wheel

OPP urges caution to motorcycle riders

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Pat Massie knows first hand the hazards motorcycle riders can face on Niagara's roads.

"I've had many near misses with people just not checking their blind spots," says the constable with the Ontario Provincial Police Niagara detachment.

Massie has patrolled the highways of Niagara on a motorcycle for the past eight years.

With the warmer weather finally arriving, the OPP is reminding motorists to share the road with their two-wheeled counterparts.

"Don't just depend on your mirrors," Massie tells motorists. "Look over your shoulders before changing lanes."

Motorcycle collisions on provincial highways "do not end well" for the rider, says OPP Staff Sgt. Jan Idzenza.

"With high speeds, the motorcycle riders are literally no protection to a driver when involved in a collision."

Idzenza says responsible riders are often "victims of inattention or distracted drivers."

"The motorcycle has a small profile making them less visible than larger vehicles."

The OPP reminders were during Canada Road Safety Week.

During the national campaign — May 13 to 19 — police agencies were out in full force looking for aggressive drivers, impaired drivers, distracted drivers and those not wearing seatbelts.

Massie was using his OPP motorcycle as a tool to target drivers who insist on using their cellphones while behind the wheel.

"Most people are expecting a police car to come up beside them," he explains.

"They're not expecting a

motorcycle and I'm at an elevated height so I'll be able to look into the car to see the phones on their laps. I'll see if they're texting or reading or simply not paying attention."

The fine for driving while distracted increased in March to \$280 plus court costs.

"You can buy a Blue Tooth at a retail store for a lot less money than that," Massie says.

Drivers are also being reminded to obey Ontario's "move over" law when approaching a stopped emergency vehicle.


The law requires drivers to slow down and pass with caution. If the road has two or more lanes, drivers must move over into another lane if it can be done safely.

Failing to move over could result in a fine of up to \$600 plus court costs.


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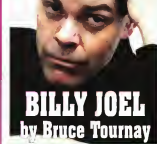
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■ **GOVERNMENT:** Disputed fines no longer headed to court

Parking tickets driven to municipalities

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

Peevish-off parkers looking to fight tickets will soon have to take a new route.

Come July 1, disputed parking offences under \$100 will be brought under the wing of municipalities and no longer handled by the provincial court system.

Under the new administrative monetary penalty system (AMPS), people fighting a ticket will be seen before a hearing officer, hired by the municipality, instead of going before a justice of the peace. AMPS excludes fines above \$100 related to parking in a handicapped zone, which will continue to be dealt with in

court.

"It's basically downloading from the provincial level for the city to oversee," said Port Colborne bylaw enforcement officer Sherry Hanson, who made a presentation to city council last week.

Bylaw officers from Niagara's municipalities have been working together to ensure the system is rolled out smoothly with as little expense as possible, she said.

At minimum, Port Colborne is looking to partner with Wainfleet and Port Erie to share the cost of purchasing tickets. When issuing a ticket, officers will simply check off in the city the offence occurred in, Hanson said.

The lakeside communities also plan to come together to hire a joint hearing officer.

The officer must be available, Hanson said, even though most disputed tickets are dealt with at the screening stage, which takes place at city hall.

If a resolution cannot be found at that point, the recipient of the ticket can take the dispute to the next level and request a hearing — to take place under the new system at Port Colborne library.

Along with cost sharing, the hope is to see all 12 municipalities, as well as Niagara Region, adopt the same fine structure to improve consistency, Hanson said. The region, she added, has not updated its

fines since 1989.

The change in rates, including late fees on unpaid tickets, will help to cover the cost of the hearing officer and any other expenses the municipalities may incur because of the system change, Hanson said.

In order to enforce disputed tickets, each municipality must pass a bylaw before July 1 to establish the AMPS system.

Port Colborne passed its bylaw on Monday, along with an amendment asking that it be supported and adopted by Niagara's municipalities and the region.

St. Catharines has passed its bylaw and several other municipalities are close to doing the same, Hanson said.

The region is "making inquiries concerning the steps taken by other municipalities to permit enforcement of parking on their roads," said Niagara Region legal counsel Sterling Wood.

Once that consultation is complete, it's anticipated a report will be



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brought to regional council, he said.

Hanson said the region can either pass its own bylaw and fee structure or approve regional rates that mirror what's seen in each respective municipality.

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The Niagara Region is currently under federal quarantine. Regulations are in place to prevent the spread of plum pox virus outside of the quarantine area. Plum Pox Virus is a serious plant disease that threatens Canada's stone fruit industry. It does not affect human or animal health.

Plants that are susceptible to the virus include apricot, nectarine, peach and, plum trees, and some ornamental shrubs such as purpleleaf sandcherry.

A ban on propagation is in place. This ban prohibits anyone in the Niagara quarantine area from producing trees and plants that are susceptible to the virus. This includes producing trees and plants from seed, cuttings, grafting or any other method.

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SOCIAL SERVICES

Demand outstrips cash resources for homeless services

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There just isn't enough money to feed the need.

That was a message relayed last week by Sarah Pennist to Niagara Region's public health and social services committee.

The director of social assistance and employment opportunities was at committee to submit a list of agencies staff have approved for funding to deliver region homeless services.

"The demand for resources far outstrips the funding that we have to allocate," Pennist told committee members. "We received proposals for \$7.2 million annually, we've got \$4.2 million to allocate."

The region issued a request for proposals early this year for social agencies to deliver homeless services for the period of July 1 to Dec 31, 2016. The region was looking for agencies to provide outreach and prevention services, transitional housing and emergency hostels.

Pennist said staff received 39 proposals.

"Because we were \$3 million short of what agencies actually asked, we couldn't fund all of the projects that were submitted," Pennist said. "So what we did was we looked at each of the project budgets that were proposed and we recommended an amount based on what the agencies are currently being funded for and what they currently deliver."

Of the 39 proposals, staff and a community advisory board recommend 10 do not receive funding — six because they are insufficient funds and four because they would not provide care homeless services.

"In total, 29 projects will be delivered by 20 different agencies," Pennist said.

The biggest allocation of funding, should regional council agree with staff, is earmarked for the YWCA, which would receive almost \$1.6 million to provide emergency hostels. The smallest allocation — \$80,000 — is to the Boys and Girls

Club to provide supported transitional housing.

Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold fell well short of the dollars it requested for a couple of program it runs. The agency requested \$871,322 but will receive \$703,650 for prevention programs, such as its drop-in, walk-in and connections services centres, and for its Partners in Trusteeship program it asked for \$318,159 but will receive \$213,270. The Partners program sees Community Care act as trustee for people who have an inability to manage their finances. The agency will receive, for instance, someone's Ontario Works cheque and pay the recipient's bills.

"We recognize that there were challenges from the staff perspective and how much money there was and how they allocated the money," Community Care chief executive officer Betty-Lou Souter said. "There just wasn't enough money to go around."

"We need to do the best that we can with the money we have."

Community Care's request for \$245,831 for its Home at Last program was denied due to a lack of funding. That program would supply rent supplements for 20 units and support services to those living in the units.

Pelham regional Coun. Brian Baty, a co-chair of the public health and social services committee, said council needs to keep pressing higher levels of government for more funding.

"What we need to do is remember the shortfall," Baty said. "Remember why we're in this situation as we move forward, once again, to try and get equitable funding for Niagara. That's the root cause of this problem. We know we don't get a fair share compared to Windsor, compared to London, compared to Hamilton."

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LOCAL NEWS

■ **H.H. KNOLL LAKEVIEW PARK:** New system to use more water, less staff time

Port splash pad gets upgrade

MARYANNE FIRTH
Tribune Staff

Port Colborne is ready to go with the flow.

The city is in the process of replacing the water system at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park's popular splash pad at a cost of about \$40,000.

Work is being done to upgrade the pad with a flow-through system, which only uses water once, from a recirculating system, which chemically treats and reuses water at the outdoor facility.

The decision was made after new guidelines were issued by Niagara Region public health and concerns raised about the potential for users to become ill from inadequately-treated recirculating water.

Public health advised Port Colborne to install an ultraviolet treatment system at the pad to kill illness-causing organisms not affected by chemical treatment. Under the guidelines, it was also recommended the water be tested every two hours during the pad's operation.

After obtaining an estimate of about \$26,000 for the UV upgrades and factoring in additional staff costs required to undertake frequent water testing, it was determined by city staff that switching to a flow-through system would be a more viable option.

Between staff time, chemicals, water and hydro costs, the recirculating system was projected to cost \$26,408 annually,

or \$448,952 over its 17-year lifespan. The flow-through system, as it requires no chemicals and less staff time, was estimated to cost \$15,674 annually, or \$266,461 over 17 years.

The new system is expected to use more than five times the amount of water as the old one over its lifetime, at an estimated cost of \$177,000, but will pay for itself through reduced staff, maintenance and hydro costs, said Ron Hanson, Port Colborne's director of engineering and operations.

The reduced staff requirements at the pad will allow parks staff to focus on other projects throughout the city, he added.

A majority of the \$40,000 installation cost will be

covered by surplus funds previously earmarked for repairs to the system.

Staff expect the balance of \$7,381 to be covered by savings provided by the new system in 2015.

Work on the splash pad is scheduled for completion by May 31.

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In this Tribune file photo, Ella Solar enjoys some fun in the sun at the splash pad at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park in Port Colborne with her grandmother Karen Voith. Port Colborne is in the process of upgrading the splash pad's water system.



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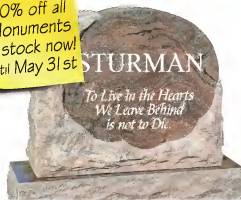
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Niagara needs organ donors

ALLAN BENNER
InPortNews Staff

Last year, 16 patients in Niagara were given a new lease on life thanks to the generosity of three people and their families.

Heather Paterson, Niagara Health System's director of critical care, said hospital staff identified five potential organ donors last year from among dying patients within NHS hospitals' critical care departments.

The families of three of those people chose to participate in the organ transplant process.

As a result, 16 organ transplant surgeries were conducted at NHS hospitals last year by specialists from the Trillium Gift of Life Network.

Meanwhile, 53 people donated tissues such as eyes, skin, heart valves and bone to help improve the lives of others.

But there are far more people in need, Paterson said.

Across Ontario, about 1,500 people are urgently awaiting organ transplant operations, and more still awaiting tissue donations such as cornea transplants to restore their vision.

The NHS is asking for the assistance of Niagara residents to help those patients.

"The waiting list is fairly significant and it's our role as hospital organizations and communities to be active in the donation process and understand it, and to register is very important," Paterson said.

In addition to registering as a donor with the Trillium Gift of Life Network, Paterson also advised people to share their wishes with their loved ones.

"I think the most important part is to choose to be a donor, but then having that discussion with your family and letting your family know that these are your wishes," she said. "It's a very difficult time for families experiencing" the death of a loved one.

It makes it more difficult if the first discussion about organ donations happens after the death of a loved one. "and knowing what your wishes are will help your family through that difficult decision."

People can register online at www.BeADonor.ca, at Service Ontario locations, and consent forms can be downloaded at www.giftoflife.on.ca.

Paterson said only about 25% of people across Ontario are registered as organ and tissue donors.

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LOCAL NEWS

■ **RECREATION:** Group wants to take over Welland's east-side lease

Trail users hope to take charge

ALLAN BENNER
InPort News Staff

More than a year after Welland scrapped its portion of the East Side Trail, a group of trail users plan to reopen it.

Noise complaints from residents and concerns about liability in December 2012 prompted city councillors to vote to terminate a lease agreement with St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corp. and Niagara Region for the portion of the trail that runs through Welland along the east side of the Welland Canal.

But the Niagara Trails Committee president Tracy-Lynn Bell said her organization now hopes to take over that lease agreement, along with the responsibility for the trail's maintenance and management.

Bell addressed Welland city councillors last week and asked for the municipality's support of her committee's efforts to run the trail shared by ATV and dirt bike riders as well as horseback riders and cyclists.

Responding to questions about

noise, Bell said many of the complaints are related to dirt bikes and ATVs travelling at "excessive speed" on a gravel roadway in the area, which will not be included in the revised plans for the trail.

"We do not want the gravel roadway," she said.

"The trail system was not designed for excessive speed. It's designed for enjoyment."

Meanwhile, she said some committee members will act as certified "trail wardens," warning and educating other riders who aren't following rules and regulations.

She said liability concerns can be addressed by the insurance policies of the committee, user groups, as well as individual riders.

Bell was also in Port Colborne last week speaking to city councillors there about the proposal, which includes the development of a new municipal bylaw to regulate the use of the trail that will require the approval of regional council.

The lakeside city's council put its support behind the initiative

and agreed to begin the necessary process in order to add Niagara Trails Committee to Port Colborne's lease agreement for its portion of the east trail.

"We've seen examples of this before. When user groups take ownership of something, it makes a huge difference," said Port Colborne Ward 4 Coun. Ron Bodner.

"They police it. Users pay attention to other users. It carries almost more weight than putting up a sign or staff telling users what to do."

Bell plans to meet with other municipalities in the weeks to come.

While the trails committee is making progress, there is still a ways to go before "we're open for business," she said.

Bell hopes the trail system will be "almost good to go for the summer season," although they have bigger plans for the trails in the months to follow.

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—with files from Maryanne Firth

■ **INFRASTRUCTURE:** Council debentures \$381,328 for servicing

East canal lands a pipe dream?

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

You've got to spend money to make money.

Port Colborne council is hoping the old adage rings true after committing \$381,328 toward creation of a detailed design for servicing the city's east side employment lands.

Council awarded the contract last week to St. Catharines-based consulting firm Aecom Canada Ltd. to complete the design and all necessary studies related to the project.

The cost will be debentured over 30 years.

Ward 3 Coun. Frank Danch was concerned about spending the large sum of money for a project that will be in a new council's hands come fall.

He thought it better to wait until after the October municipal election to allow the city's new representatives to decide whether the funds should be spent.

It's an 18-month process to complete the design and analysis for servicing of the industrial lands, said Ron

Hanson, Port Colborne's director of engineering and operations.

After those 18 months, the project will be "shovel ready," he said, recommending the city move forward.

Hanson said the bid came in well under the estimated \$1 million projected for the design.

In 2013, a \$7-million estimate was received for the design and build of the required municipal services for the land, including water, sanitary and storm sewers, and roads.

The lands are bounded by Concession 3 to the north, Hwy. 140 to the east, the Welland Canal to the west and Second Concession to the south.

City staff are looking into the guidelines for the Building Canada Fund to determine whether the project is eligible for upper-tier government funding.

The city has proved in the past that "if we have something ready to go and opportunity comes along to partner with some money, it can be a big deal for the community," Ward 4 Coun. Ron Bodner said.

Whether council will decide to spend the millions of dollars to complete the full scope of the project has yet to be determined, he added.

Ward 1 Coun. Dave Elliott had concerns that servicing the land may not draw investors.

There are 162 pieces of industrial land and buildings available across Niagara — many already serviced, he said.

"(That) seems to be a heck of an inventory for people to choose from." "If no one's using the water/wastewater system, no one's paying for it," Elliott said.

"That's a heck of a lot of money to run pipe on vacant land where nobody's there."

If the city is going to make a significant investment in pipes, it should be "where residents are living," he added.

"Is it \$400,000 well spent? I won't know until we get that study back," said Ward 3 Coun. Bea Kenney.

"We have an opportunity here for our city to move ahead. The only way we'll move ahead is to get this serviceable land ready."

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Incorrect information appeared in the 2014 Along The Lakeshore special publication issued by The Tribune in regards to the schedule of plays at the **Showboat Festival Theatre** for the 2014 season. The correct shows and dates are as follows:

The Foursome June 19th to June 22nd
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Test Drive July 9th to July 13th
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■ **SWAN LAKE:** Twenty-five men will don tutus for some ballet, all to help the Walker Family Centre



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A group of 25 dads from Ballet Etc. in St. Catharines is donning tutus and will perform a tribute to Swan Lake on May 23 and 24 during the studio's spring recital, in order to raise funds for the Walker Family Cancer Centre. They have been rehearsing three hours a week for the last two months.

Dance of the cancer-fighting dads

CHERRY CLOCK
 QMI Agency Niagara

A promise means something. You make it, you keep it. No question. So when the man dying of prostate cancer told the other man to get himself examined, he did. For no other reason than the simple decency of telling a good friend he would do it.

You can probably guess what happened.

David Flus, 48, of St. Catharines listened to his friend, and went to the doctor. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer last year. Out of the blue. Just like that.

His friend, 75-year-old Peter MacIntyre, retired vice-principal of Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School, died without ever knowing he probably saved Flus's life.

Flus had surgery to remove his prostate and since then, his bloodwork has shown no signs of cancer. Ten years ago, his wife, Helmy Flus, was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Still, David is not done with the disease.

The father of two girls, the self-described man's man, the jack who knows his way around jackhammers, excavators and skid steers as general manager of Larry's Rental in St. Catharines, has decided to fight cancer the best way he knows.

In a white tulle-and-netting tutu. Dancin' a tribute to Swan Lake. On stage with 24 other men.

For the past two months, the group of dancer dads from Ballet etc. in St. Catharines have been learning the finer points of pir-

ouettes and plies to prepare for a 4 1/2-minute number they'll perform at the dance company's Spring Showcase recital.

On May 23 and 24, they will don tutus and tank tops, high-top Converse sneakers complete with black and white tube socks, and showcase their jumps and swan-like arms.

The men are taking pledges and raising money for the Walker Family Cancer Centre. To date, they are at \$46,000 and hope to top \$50,000.

Among the men, there are ministers. A plastic surgeon. Coroner. Family doctor. Tradesmen. And restaurateur. Just to name a few.

And yes, they all realize they look, well, ridiculous.

No worries. It's all about using humour to bring awareness to cancer and honour everyone's journey, says Ballet Etc. director Jane Elliott.

"It's like a healing process," she says. "It's raising money, it's putting a little power in their hands."

"When people are dying, you don't have a lot of power." It's personal for Jane, too. Her father is the man who died of prostate cancer. Nine months ago, last August.

A month before that, dancer dad Colin Strickland's sister died of a brain tumour. Nicki DiDomenico, a St. Catharines mother of two boys, was 38.

"You feel so helpless when you're lost someone," says Strickland, 40.

"There's nothing you can do to bring her back."

"The lessons she taught me through the way she lived her life,

that's how I keep her spirit alive."

Colin, a special education teacher at Westdale Public School, is the athletic type. He's played sports like basketball, volleyball, and hockey. It's run marathons. And these days, he plays pickup basketball and runs 10K.

Dance is difficult. "I think I'm doing something correctly," he says. "I'm really focusing on, OK, I'm pointing my toes, I'm lifting it to my knee."

Then he gets feedback from his biggest critic — his 11-year-old daughter, Livia, a competitive dancer at the studio.

"She'll find 14 things I'm doing wrong, and I think I've nailed it. And yes, between rolling on the floor but then telling me, your pas de chat is really good. Do it again."

In his world, athletics is straightforward. Simple. So he tries to interpret dance in the language of sports. "I think, well, this is kind of like a jump in volleyball, or this is like a serve shot in basketball," he says.

Results are mixed. "I feel like so little of what I've done is transferable to dance."

Seems the guys have a saying: If dance was easy, we'd call it football.

And how about the tutu?

David offers this: "Are you kidding? I'm a man's man. I'm a car guy. For a hobby, I play with my cars. I've got a hot rod. I never thought in a million years I'd be in a tutu."

"But it's such a great cause that it's so worth it," he says.

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Both grapefruit juice (either fresh or frozen) and the fruit itself can affect certain medications and the effects have been seen with as little as one 8-ounce (250 mL) glass of grapefruit juice. The effects of grapefruit juice on medications can last up to 3 days, so taking them at different times of day will not help. Naturally sweet orange juice has not been shown to affect medications the way grapefruit juice does, but tangels (which are related to grapefruit), lime juice, and Seville (sour) oranges may affect medications.

Many medications may be affected by grapefruit juice, including medications for:

Allergies	Fexofenadine (Allegra)
Anticoagulation	Dabigatran (Pradaxa)
Anxiety/Sleep	Bupropion (Wellbutrin), Doxepin (Silenor), Trisolan (Pablon), Alprazolam (Xanax), Clonazepam (Rivotril)
Arrhythmia	Amiodarone (Cordaron)
Blood Pressure	Amlodipine (Norvasc), Felodipine (Rendel, Plandi), Nitroglycerin (Adalat)
Cholesterol	Simvastatin (Zocor), atorvastatin (Mevacor), atorvastatin (Lipitor)
Depression	Sertraline (Zoloft)
HIV	Saquinavir (Invirase, Fortovase), Indinavir (Crivivan)
Seizures/Epilepsy	Carbamazepine (Tegretol, Maxipine), Clonazepam (Rivotril)
Sexual Dysfunction	Sildenafil (Viagra), Tadalafil (Cialis)
Transplants/Autimmune Diseases	Cyclosporine (Neoral, Sandimmune), tacrolimus (Prograf, Advagraf), sirolimus (Rapamune)

This is not a complete list; grapefruit juice may affect medications for conditions other than those listed here. Also, if you are taking any natural health products, check the labels to see if they contain grapefruit, tangelo, Seville orange, or lime juice. Avoid these fruits and juices until your doctor or pharmacist has told you it's safe to have them.

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MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION

cooking skills workshops are Thursdays, May 8 to May 29, at Port Colborne Public Library, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For families and significant others who have an adult relative dealing with a serious mental health problem and/or co-occurring disorder. All workshops are free. Registration required. Call 905-894-6808.

SPAN

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